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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: TCAG 96/97 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 1

We have completed our review of the Tulare County Association of Government's (TCAG) Amendment No.1 to its 1996/97 through 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was submitted with your letter dated November 20, 1996. TCAG's Amendment No. 1 proposes to add an Indian Reservation Road project on the Tule River Indian Reservation at a cost of \$15,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 1996/97 and \$910,000 in FY 1997/98.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this TCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The project added by this amendment is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §51.460 and §93.134].

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of TCAG's TIP Amendment No. 1 into California's 1996/97 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely yours,

For:

David H. Densmore  
Division Administrator